

APPROPRIATIONS (BUDGET)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director/Intelligence

SUBJECT: Review of F.Y. 1954 OER Budget Estimates

REFERENCE: Memorandum for Assistant Directors from DD/I, dated 12 February 1953, subject: "Review of 1954 Budget Requirements".

1. After careful review of 1954 budget estimates, the following revisions are forwarded in accordance with referenced memorandum. It should be noted that these revisions are addressed to the OER budget as submitted to the Comptroller 10 July 1952 and do not account for any subsequent action taken by the Comptroller of which this Office was not informed.

a. OER recruitment experience indicated that by 1 July 1954 a total of [REDACTED] will have entered on duty against an original estimate of [REDACTED] thus allowing for a reduction of [REDACTED] (actual employment reduced by [REDACTED] and a saving in funds to support actual employment [REDACTED]

b. Present MIS printing schedules will allow for a downward revision in F.Y. 1954 estimate for printing and reproduction of [REDACTED] the initial estimate of [REDACTED]

2. In general, the pattern of sustained and increased workloads anticipated for the various components of OER when the budgetary estimates for F.Y. 1954 were submitted has been borne out in actuality during the first half of the F.Y. 1953.

a. Following a detailed survey of the gaps in our knowledge of vital economic information on the Soviet bloc, a new fifteen month program of research has been established. This vastly expanded program involves the research, writing, editing, and publication of 259 separate projects which are expected to be presented in 433 separate papers during Fiscal Years 1953 and 1954. While this program allowed for probable OER and other requests, extra requirements on OER from the intelligence community are expected to arise concurrently with the basic program. In the month of January 1953 alone, 21 such extra requests were fulfilled.

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b. Developments which have taken place during the last eight months increase the pressures on the Geographic area of OER for F.Y. 1954. DD/P has programmed a series of detailed geographic research studies, the fulfillment of which will be a primary responsibility of the Geography Division of OER. The Geography Division is also considerably behind schedule in the submittal of final manuscripts for NIS Chapter IX. Only with extreme effort will commitments scheduled for Chapter IX be met in F.Y. 1953. Cartographic support will be greatly increased with the output of graphics and maps in support of reports and briefing requirements. In addition, with the clearer outlining of the program requirements of the newly established Photo Intelligence Division, it has been found that costs for photo intelligence equipment necessary to proper fulfillment of the mission of this unit were underestimated in the 10 July 1952 submittals.

c. The undertaking by OER of initial research for several NIS as well as its support for NIS maintenance program on the Soviet bloc further increases workload requirements for F.Y. 1954 beyond those anticipated at the time the 1954 budget was submitted.

d. It should also be noted that increased demands for strategic intelligence for Economic Defense measures are anticipated.

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